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ATTN: BOX PCT/BOX SEQUENCE
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Re: Application of Mamoru HORIKOSHI, Koki MAMETSUKA and Takashi HIROOKA
NOVEL PROTOPORPHYRINOGEN OXIDASE TOLERANT TO PHOTBLEACHING HERBICIDE
Our Reference: Q58140
PCT/JP98/04064, filed September 10, 1998

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit the attached papers for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Attached hereto is the application identified above which is a translation of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/04064, filed September 10, 1998, comprising the specification, claims, two (2) sheets of drawings, Sequence Listing and International Search Report with PTO Form 1449. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total Claims	26 - 20 =	6 x \$18 =	\$ 108.00
Independent Claims	6 - 3 =	3 x \$78 =	\$ 234.00
Base Filing Fee	(\$840.00)		\$ 840.00
Multiple Dep. Claim Fee	(\$260.00)		\$ 260.00
TOTAL FILING FEE			\$ 1,442.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$ 1,442.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.492; 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

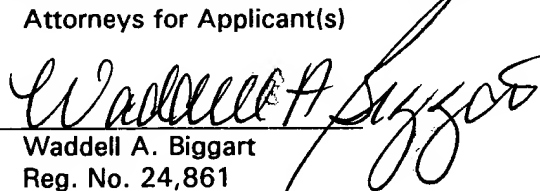
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September 11, 1997

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, March 13, 2000, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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